iii. Yes.

(e) i. The Section Superintendent in charge of the works gets a fixed T. A. of Rs. 10 per month.

ii. Similar works used to be placed under the charge of the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division, in the past.

iii. This is a work coming under the Irrigation Division proper. It was investigated by the Irrigation Assistant Engineer and therefore it was placed under the supervision of the Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

(f) i. and ii. It was constructed in 1106.

iii. Rs. 1,073.

iv. The span of the bridge has been increased from 6 feet to 10 feet.

(g) i. This is one of the works recommended.

ii. The recommendation was made on 7—2—1935 by the Chief Engineer to the Government.

iii. It is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Which is the Head-quarters of the Irrigation Assistant Engineer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Chittur.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—With reference to (c) (iii), when was it done? Was it after 5—6—1936 or before 28—5—1936?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I was informed by the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division that these sluices were opened before we got a letter from the Hon'ble Member.

Trichur Guest House—repairs to.

127. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any estimate was prepared for the repair of the Guest House in Trichur this year before the work was entrusted to the contractor;

(2) if so, what was the amount estimated for;

(3) what is the amount actually spent;

(4) who was the contractor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The details of works required and the rates at which the contractor will be

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paid for the works were settled before the works were entrusted to the contractor. The regular estimate was prepared only after that.

(2) The estimate amount is Rs. 12,000.

(3) Final payment has not yet been made.

(4) Mr. N. O. Inasu.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were any tenders called for before the rates were fixed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Tenders were not called for this work. It was entrusted to Mr. Inasu at a certain tender deduction.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know why did they not call for tenders?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksa Menon.—The rates were fixed before the work was entrusted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what those rates are?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The rates were according to our scheduled rates.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—You did not fix any special rates? You gave the work according to scheduled rates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The tender deduction is made on the scheduled rates. All our estimates are prepared on the basis of the scheduled rates and tender deductions made on the basis of those rates.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did you actually call for tenders?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Open tenders were not called for.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar—Were private tenders called for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work was of a very urgent nature. We had to complete it very urgently and in my judgment I thought it had to be done expeditiously. So I had to give the work to him at a certain tender deduction.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to take it that no private tenders were also called for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No private tenders were called for.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was any agreement entered into and signed before the work was entrusted to him?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When was the work started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work was started early in Chingom.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When was it finished?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In Vrischigom or Dhanu.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there any provision for this 12 thousand rupees in the budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— It could not have been provided in the budget, but the work was extremely important for the safety of the building.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is this Mr. Inasu the same gentleman who was given the Town Hall Work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he not the gentleman who is the Municipal Chairman of Trichur and who is the Director of some of the Government patronised Companies recently formed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He is the Municipal Chairman.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he not one of the Directors of the Government Patronised Companies in the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member would specify the companies in which he is the Director then I may be able to answer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he a Director of the State Power and Light Corporation?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he a Director of the Cochin Textiles Ltd?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Personally I have no information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has not the Government taken shares in that company, the Cochin Textiles?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Some preferential shares have been taken by the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does not the Government know the Directors of the Company?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Government Director on the Company is the Superintendent of the Government Trades School.

Mr. President.—He has not at present got the list of Directors of the Company.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did not the Government at least go into the question as to who were the Directors before they actually subscribed?

Mr. President.—Certainly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Probably they do not remember?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—You may put it like that. I have no objection.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഗവമ്മെൻറിന്റെ സഹകരണത്തോടുകൂടി നടത്തിവരുന്ന കമ്പനികളിൽ ഡയറക്ടർമാരാകുന്നവർക്ക കൺട്രാക്ട് റ കൊടുക്കുന്നത് ഒരു അയോഗ്യതയാണെന്ന ഗവമ്മെൻറ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Certainly not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the fact that the estimate was for 12 thousand rupees, did not the Government think that it would have been more graceful for them if tenders were invited publicly?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have already explained that the work was of a very urgent nature and the Government ordered to get the work done immediately and my responsibility required that I should give it to a person in whom I had complete confidence.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.— When did the Government bring this before the Council as a supplementary grant? Is it towards the close of the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was in this session.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—When was the regular estimate prepared?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The estimates were prepared before Thulam or Vrischigom.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What was the reason in not placing this item before the Council before?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The necessary preliminaries took some time.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Why is not the final payment made yet?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It has not been check-measured.

Trichur Town Hall—Construction of.

128. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of contractors who tendered for the Trichur Town Hall construction with the tender reductions offered by them;

(2) to whom was the contract given and the reason for giving it to him;

(3) the estimated cost of the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon,—

(1) 1. Mr. K. V. Ayyappan at 5 per cent less than the estimated rates

2. „ A. L. Lonappan at 7¾ do
3. „ M. K. Kunju Ezhuthassan at 10¾ do
4. „ V. K. Narayanan Ezhuthassan at 10½ do
5. „ Naickan Raman Bhadran at 9¾ do
6. „ N. O. Inasu at 10 do
7. Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetty and Sons at estimated rates.
8. Mr. C. D. Chakko at 5¼ per cent less than the estimated rates
9. „ K. V. Inasu at 7½ do
10. „ Messrs. V. R. Ranade & Sons Ltd., at 11 do

(2) Mr. N. O. Inasu at 11 per cent less than the estimated rates. He was considered to be the most suited among the contractors in the State for being entrusted with the work.

(3) Rs. 1,22,000.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I suppose Mr. Inasu's connection with the Companies recently patronised by the Government

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